The **Infant and young child feeding draft resolution** (sponsored by Botswana, Canada, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Mozambique, Nepal, Pakistan, Panama, Russia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Thailand and Zambia) is now opened for drafting.

The original draft resolution has provisions that protect –

- Baby-friendly Hospital Initiative
- The International Code and relevant WHA resolutions
- Guidance on Ending inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and Young Children (69/9)
- Guidance on infant and young child feeding in emergencies
- Safeguards on conflicts of Interest

We urge all Member States to work for a Resolution that is as health protective as possible, especially on the above 5 key areas, especially safeguard conflicts on interest in nutrition programmes.

Important to note that the Maternal, infant and young child nutrition decision proposed by US does not provide safeguards for the above 5 key elements.

Parts of the US proposed Decision that would be risky and could lead to a weakening of safeguards. (A71/A/CON./5)

OP5 to request to the Director General

(a) to provide, upon request, technical support to Member States in implementation, monitoring, and the assessment of recommendations, such as the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative, to support infant and young child feeding, including in emergencies, [and to review national experiences with implementing such recommendations and the mobilization of resources to build the evidence base on their effectiveness, and consider changes, if needed.]

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